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Medical Missions: The Twofold Task. By Walter R. Lambuth. New York: Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, 1902. Pp. 262. $1.00.

The growth of medical work in Christian missions is a romantic chapter in the record of the extension of the Kingdom of God on earth. The writer draws from a wide range of material and experience and presents the great work of medical missions in a most attractive form. The book furnishes a mighty appeal to the young man or woman who is looking forward to the practice of medicine and surgery as a life-work. One is forced to face the need of the world and to decide whether it is right to remain in one's own land struggling for a practice, or whether it is far better to go where the need is desperate and invest life there. The pictures are well chosen; the specific examples of effective missionary service are stimulating; the field of study is wide and is surveyed with discrimination. An excellent book for private reading or class study.

A Modern Dreamer. By Edmund March Vittum. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1920. Pp. 185. $1.50.

Dr. Vittum has been minister and teacher and college president and through it all a sensitive and keen thinker. His imagination has the touch of the open country where he is at home and the evening lamp under which the scholar sits. He has put into graceful form here a score of reveries concerned with religious moods and biblical themes. They are wholesome in their sentiment, not mere graceful musings. The allegories are defensible; the personifications are in good taste. "Canaanizing the Christian" is an excellent example of a brief, pungent, and accurate message to modern life in quaint and delicate style. Christians will find in Dr. Vittum's little book many a fresh suggestion and opened door into wider vision of life.

Sermons on the International Uniform Sunday-School Lessons for 1921. By the Monday Club. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1920. Pp. 358. $2.00.

This is the forty-sixth series of sermons on the International Lessons issued by the Monday Club of Boston. As usual the range of treatment is varied. There are thirty-one contributors to this series, many of whom are well-known preachers. The sermons are shorter than they would be if they were designed for preaching at a regular service of worship. They are adapted to use by teachers and students of the uniform lessons and will be of genuine service in this field. Their homiletical value is inevitably lessened by the mechanical way in which the subjects are necessarily assigned to the members of the Monday Club.

West and East. The Expansion of Christendom and the Naturalization of Christianity in the Orient in the XIXth Century. By Edward Caldwell Moore. New York: Scribner, 1920. Pp. xii+421. $4.00.

After a long time of waiting we now have the Dale Lectures delivered at Oxford in 1913 from the hand of a master in the related sciences of history and missions. The publication of *The Spread of Christianity in the Modern Era* by the University of Chicago Press in 1919 increased the desire to have this treatise. There are eight lectures, setting forth the impact of the forces of the West upon the East. Dr. Moore marshals his facts with consummate skill. He is able to hold our sustained interest through the complex story, which he renders clear and fascinating by his style. We enjoy the freedom of the page from a multitude of footnotes and references. They are not necessary in a book like this. Dr. Moore's lectures are not only informing, but they are also in the truest sense of the word inspiring. One feels a certain glow in the presence of the mighty movement which he witnesses as he follows the guidance of the one who sees the way through the complex ongoings of the past century. Surely tremendous enterprises have been trusted to human hands; and we feel sure from this study that even war cannot wreck the superb enterprise.

The Power of Prayer. Edited by W. P. Paterson and David Russell. New York: Macmillan, 1920. Pp. xiii+528.

In May, 1916, the Walker Trust of the University of St. Andrews offered certain prizes on "the meaning, the reality and the power of prayer, its place and value to the individual, to the church, and to the state, in the everyday affairs of life, in the healing of sickness and disease, in times of distress and national danger, and in relation to national ideals and to world-progress." In response to this offer one thousand six hundred and sixty-seven essays were received, coming from all quarters of the world and written in nineteen languages. The first prize was awarded to Rev. Samuel McComb, of Baltimore, Maryland, and is printed as the first paper following an interesting essay by Dr. Paterson entitled "Prayer and the Contemporary Mind." Twenty other papers of varying length on different aspects of the subject are also printed. It is impossible to sum up the results of this study in a brief

notice. The first evident finding from the evidence of the essays is the universal agreement upon the efficacy and the privilege of prayer. It fills a definite part in the lives of a great number of men and women who are not in agreement either concerning the character of God which lies behind the act of prayer. Five kinds of prayer seem to be indicated: adoration, thanksgiving, confession, supplication, and intercession. The problem of unanswered prayer is taken up and the whole difficulty faced; but it seems to be agreed that prayer is answered. The quality of the essay by Dr. McComb warrants the decision of the readers in his favor. This book is the most voluminous and satisfactory study of the subject that we know and will be gratefully received by many who have been wrestling with the problem of prayer since the Great War has thrown it so prominently into relief.

Jesus the Master Teacher. By Herman Harrell Horne. New York: Association Press, 1920. Pp. xii+212. $2.00.

In announcing this book the Association Press says, "One of the most significant books the Press has published this year." We agree with them. It is designed as a textbook; it uses the inductive method. There are twenty-seven chapters. The various aspects of the teaching work of Jesus are taken up and the questions, the suggestions for discussion, the propositions for further study, are all done with the technical skill of which Professor Horne is master. He has used the material in classes and discussion groups and therefore it is all well tested. The range of the discussions is wide, covering all aspects of the teaching method of Jesus. There is an admirable summary of the whole study in the final chapter. The book will be useful in classes and there could hardly be a more profitable guide for individual use. Every minister who will work through this material will find himself enriched in every way for his work as preacher and pastor. It is one of the most suggestive and useful books of its kind that ever has been prepared. It bears the mark of careful study in every detail. It is concerned with the greatest of teachers and it is by a teacher of unusual skill and insight.

David Otis Mears. An Autobiography. 1842–1893. Memoir and Notes by H. A. Davidson. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1920. Pp. xix+249. $1.50.

Dr. Mears was a minister of the Congregational and Presbyterian church, who lived from 1842 to 1915 and whose life was filled with useful labor and happy experiences. Nine chapters of this biography were written by him; five have been added by the editor. As a piece of agreeable autobiography the pages by Dr. Mears are unusually interesting. The editor is naturally enthusiastic about his subject; but he is not fulsome. This is a fine sketch of a man who saw and loved many friends, invested his life well and was throughout a good minister in a world of changing ideas and strenuous tests.

Four Hitherto Unpublished Gospels. By William E. Barton. New York: Doran, 1920. Pp. 149.

Any misunderstanding which might easily arise concerning the contents and character of this book is immediately removed by the subtitle, which explains that these are four "character studies cast in the form of personal memoirs of *John the Baptist*, *Andrew the Brother of Simon Peter*, *Judas Iscariot*, and *James the Brother of Jesus*." Dr. Barton gave these "gospels" before his own church in Oak Park, Illinois, during the Lent of 1920. They are characterized by his clear and interesting style. There are paragraphs in which these imagined writers speak so transparently in the language of the writer that one can almost hear the modern preacher in the ancient narrator. But this is inevitable. In general Dr. Barton's touch is accurate and delicate. There are vivid sentences as when Judas Iscariot described the disciples from the hated province as "those Galileans who smell of fish." The treatment of the purposes of Judas Iscariot in the betrayal is a familiar one. He is made to do the shameful deed out of a mistaken idea that he could thus make Jesus bold enough to show his power and therefore realize the national longings that stirred the heart of the loyal Judean. As a piece of interpretation by the imagination the studies are exceedingly interesting.

The Eyes of Faith. By Lynn Harold Hough. New York: Abindgon Press, 1920. Pp. 223. $1.50.

In the delightful style and marked by the keen insight of Dr. Hough, we have here 42 brief papers on various aspects of ethics and religion. They present in many aspects the Christian view of life. They are unified by the religious experience out of which they grow. The best way to estimate the worth of the material gathered in the papers is to taste such a paragraph as this: "The evangelical note is the deepest note in the Christian religion. The man who has really found his structural incapacity to organize the forces of his own life into harmony and inner sincerity and outer potency of activity; the man who has discovered the power of that vital personality of imperial